

CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE



Biography

Steve Kessler

Steve Kessler is the Chief Operating Officer of the California Department of Finance. Mr. Kessler has over 25 years of service with the State of California, twelve of those with the Department of Finance. Previously, he was the Assistant Program Budget Manager of the Health and Human Services Unit at Finance.

Before returning to Finance in 2000, he held the following executive positions in state government: Deputy Director, Administrative Services, California Department of Corrections; Deputy Director, Administration, California Department of Health Services (CDHS); Deputy Director, Audits and Investigations, CDHS; Deputy Director, Primary Care and Family Health Programs CDHS; Assistant Director, CDHS; and six years in Finance in various audit and budget assignments.

Mr. Kessler received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from California State University, Sacramento and a Master in Business Administration from Golden Gate University.